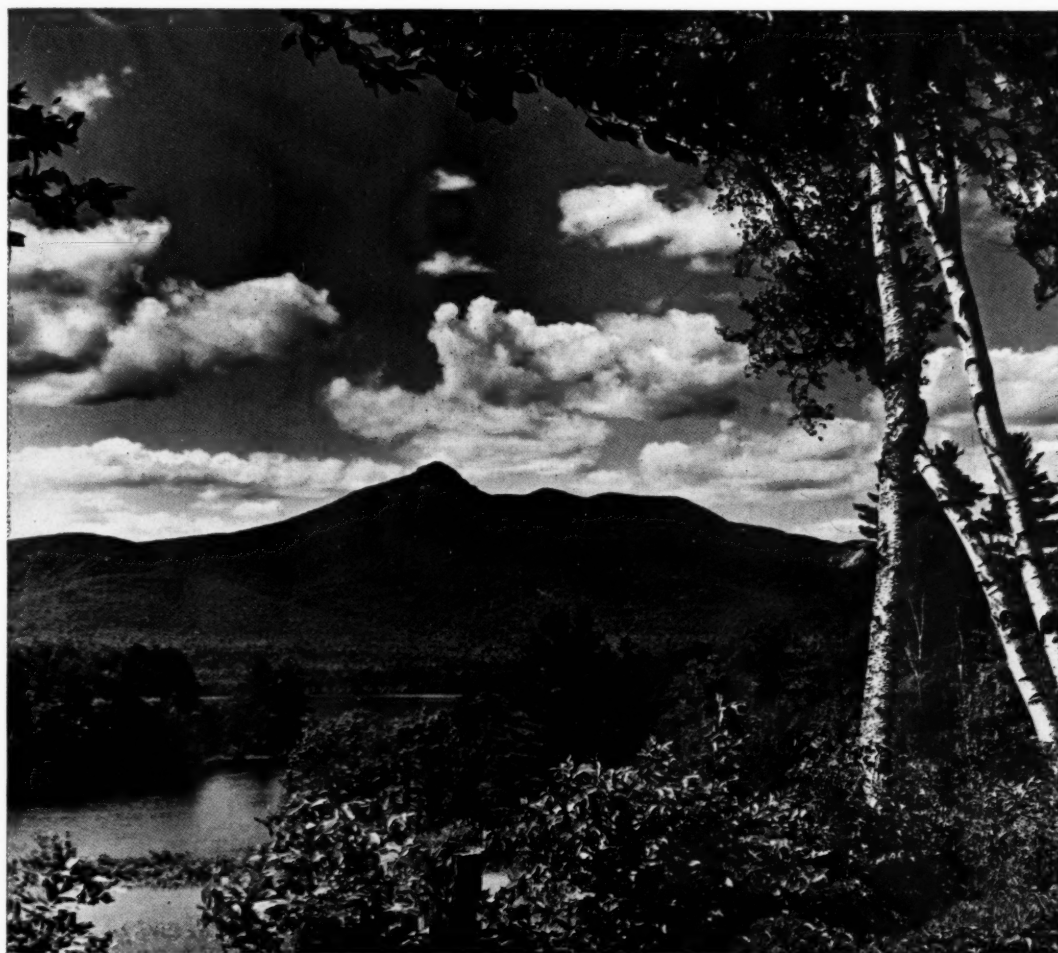


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A Great Mountain, Filling The Whole Earth
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The Mountain Of The Lord

THE STABILITY, the endurance and the great power of the Kingdom of God are symbolically expressed in the Scriptures in terms of a mountain. The Prophet Isaiah, as well as the Prophet Micah, speaks of the mountain of the House of the Lord that will be established in the top of the mountains — that is, in the highest eminence. Both prophets declare it will be exalted above all hills — that is, over all governments. The outcome in the Divine consummation will be that all nations "shall flow unto it" (Isa. 2: 1-4 & Micah 4: 1-4).

Daniel the Prophet beheld the Kingdom from the time of its inception until the day of its universal exaltation after the Babylonian Succession of Empires will have crumbled into dust. He described it first as a little stone, which he saw grow into a great mountain filling the whole earth (Dan. 2: 34-35). That there might not be any question concerning the Kingdom this stone and mountain represented, Daniel stated that, as the "stone cut out without hands," it was the Kingdom the God of heaven had set up which would never be destroyed but would break in pieces and consume all other kingdoms and would stand forever (Dan. 2: 44).

With hardly a dissenting voice, students of the Scriptures agree that this stone represents the Kingdom of our Lord over which He is to reign forever. However, the Angel informed Mary that her Son Jesus Christ would receive the throne of His father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever (Luke 1: 32-33). If, therefore, the stone kingdom of Daniel is the Kingdom over which our Lord is to reign, and the Angel declared that Kingdom to be the House of Jacob, then the stone that is to grow into a great mountain represents none other than that Kingdom which was organized under Jehovah, the overruling Lord of Hosts, at Mount Sinai. It was there that the House of Jacob became the Kingdom of God, over which Jesus Christ is to reign forever.

Closely associated with His Kingdom is the city of Jerusalem, in the midst of which the temple was built. At the time of its dedication, the Lord declared: "I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually" (I Kings 9: 3). Although Israel forsook the Lord, the temple was destroyed and the city taken by the enemy, the day will come when its days of

tribulation will be reversed in the great restoration, as the Lord has declared through the Prophet Isaiah: "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying" (Isa. 65: 19). A special message is addressed to those designated as watchmen, calling upon them not to remain silent, either day or night: "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silent, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth" (Isa. 62: 6-7).

The prophets are very clear in their pronouncements about Jerusalem and the importance of the city in relation to His Kingdom and government, a fact clearly indicated by Zechariah's statement: "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain" (Zech. 8: 3). In this verse we have reference to the mountain, or Kingdom, and to the city of Jerusalem as the capital of the Kingdom, from whence the truth will go forth, for the word of the Lord is to issue from Jerusalem. From Zion, as the seat of government, the administration of the law will be carried out (Isa. 2: 3).

By the Apostle John we are introduced to those who stand with Jesus Christ in Zion — that is, associated with Him in His government — these being the chief ones in glory who will rule with Him in His Kingdom. Their number is given as 144,000 in the 14th chapter of Revelation.

It is entirely fitting that the magnificence of the Kingdom and the perfection of its administration are likened to a great mountain. Just as the mountain, toward which all eyes are turned upward, towers majestically over all the surrounding hills, equally so His Kingdom will be exalted above all governments. Moreover, in the day that the glory of the Lord shall be seen in the midst of the people the Gentiles shall behold its righteousness and all kings its glory, with the result: "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising" (Isa. 60: 3). His vision of the perfect administration of the Law of the Lord led Isaiah to prophesy (65: 25): "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord."

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

The World In Fear

THE SPIRIT OF FEAR overshadows the deliberations of statesmen as they contemplate the threat of the annihilation of mankind if negotiations give way to the clash of arms in conflict. The atomic and hydrogen bombs are like a sword of Damocles suspended by a single thread just above the heads of all nations. Great Britain, an island kingdom, is confronted with the possibility of devastating destruction if nuclear warfare became an actuality. The United States will also suffer greatly, along with all other nations.

Actuated by this fear, expediency has been allowed to intervene in the deliberations of statesmen who have set principle aside in their dealings with Soviet Russia in the hope that, by resorting to appeasement, the conflict they dread may never take place. The men in the Kremlin are taking advantage of all this as they advance their cause in the Middle and Far East and on other fronts as well.

In the face of all this, what is the answer? It is certain that the world cannot continue to go on indefinitely practicing a policy of appeasement. The day will come when a stand must be taken. For the Anglo-Saxon world there is only one course to pursue which will bring relief from the tensions and fears engendered by the threat of a nuclear attack. There is a God in heaven and it is within His power to protect His

people from their enemies. But that protection comes only when those who need it conform with the conditions which will enable them to lay claim to the assurance of deliverance from trouble. The Prophet Isaiah emphasizes the primary requirement:

"In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee." (Isa. 54: 14.)

Here is a positive guarantee of freedom from the fear and terror which disturb the Anglo-Saxon world — and Great Britain in particular from her vulnerable situation as she contemplates the possibility of nuclear destruction. However, the prophet states unequivocally, "In righteousness shalt thou be established"; that is, through the observance of the Law of the Lord by the nation, which is essential if the people are to secure the blessings of Divine protection. The promise is that, if we do this, God will see to it that the destruction contemplated by our enemies will not come near us.

We are informed by Isaiah that the enemy will gather for the very purpose of wreaking his vengeance upon us. Nevertheless, the sinister plans of the aggressor will come to nought where those are concerned who seek the Lord in righteousness, for they have the Divine warranty given through the prophet:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou

shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." (Isa. 54: 17.)

What a pity it is in this day of great peril that the promises guaranteeing Divine protection from destruction are not being proclaimed from every pulpit in our land. Moreover, our national leaders are completely unaware that they need not fear the foe if they stand foursquare in righteousness, hewing to the line and remaining true to convictions accruing from the observance of the requirements God laid down for our national protection.

Until the time comes when, as the result of a great spiritual awakening, we will lay hold upon the Divine provision for our safety, fear and trembling will actuate those directing national policies to the detriment of our nation and the advantage of our foes. But when, as a nation, the people and its leaders turn wholeheartedly to the Lord, no weapon — not even atomic and hydrogen bombs — will be effective against us, for God will turn aside the purpose of our enemies and bring upon them the destruction they have planned for His people.

Flaunting God

IN THEIR General Assembly at Indianapolis, Indiana, the United Presbyterian Church voted overwhelmingly in favor of a resolution declaring that capital punishment "cannot be condoned by the Christian conscience."

The Christian Church today has fallen from its high estate. In the past, when it believed implicitly in the word of the Lord, it quoted the Scriptures to substantiate the position it took and in justification of the convictions it held. Today it bases its deliberations on the opinions of men even though they are completely at variance with the authoritative "Thus saith the Lord."

The above resolution, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, is a case in point, for by their condemnation of capital punishment for the murderer, they are definitely challenging the equity and justice of the Law of the Lord. It is a repudiation of the instructions God gave to the human race when He authorized the establishment of governments. It is a repudiation of God's enlargement upon those original instructions when He charged the people of the Kingdom established at Mt. Sinai to bring to justice those who violate His commandments. As pointed out in *Digest of the Divine Law*:

"The original statute, 'Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed,' was enlarged upon by a statute of judgment given to Israel at Mount Sinai. Here it is: 'The congregation [i.e., the governmental assembly of Israel] shall judge between the slayer [the one who has taken life] and the revenger of blood [the executioner]. . . . These things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death. . . . Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death [not even the substitution of life

imprisonment]. . . . So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.' (Num. 35: 24-33.)

"Under this law every nation is justified in executing the murderer. This law makes such execution mandatory and the nation that refuses to carry out this law is guilty of failure to administer justice in the land. Such failure will result in a land filled with violence and crime." (*Digest of the Divine Law*,* p. 67.)

No individual, government, church or organization of any kind has the right to set up standards of conduct which contradict what God has decreed. He has definitely provided the type of punishment that shall be meted out to the violator of any one of His laws.

In an editorial in one of Boston's newspapers, the resolution adopted by the United Presbyterian Church was used as the reason for urging the Massachusetts legislature to hasten action on the abolition of the death penalty for murder. Thus, churchmen are exerting their influence to cause the government to ignore the Divine command, instead of holding up the hands of those charged with the administration of the affairs of state, strengthening their determination to uphold the laws God has made mandatory for the punishment of criminals.

The Christian Church stands condemned today for its failure to preach the whole Word of God and to admonish all concerning the necessity to keep inviolate every one of its instructions, both those which apply to individuals and those which apply to the nation. We would like to ask a question of those ecclesiastical leaders who ignore the Divine instructions given for the execution of justice and equity in the land: Do they expect that God will hold them guiltless who thus flaunt His laws and persuade others to ignore their requirements? Jesus had something to say about this:

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5: 19.)

Many a theologian, as well as other Christians, by virtue of having accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, will gain citizenship in His Kingdom but, because of their attitude toward the laws of that Kingdom — the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Law of the Lord — will find the exalted position they had hoped to occupy denied to them. It is a serious offense to oppose the observance of the Law of the Lord, bringing its efficaciousness into question. God will not hold those guiltless who do such things.

Surpluses

THE United States of America is wasting taxpayer's money in the enormous sums spent for the purchase and storage of surplus products from the land. In 1958 over \$400,000,000 was spent just to provide bins, ware-

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houses, caves and ships for the storage of the glut.

Because of all this many argue for the return of the simple operation of the law of supply and demand wherein the lack of demand for goods automatically results in the reduction of production and an increased demand stimulates production. Unfortunately, government interference with this basic law has created an artificial prosperity through price supports and their withdrawal would immediately bring on a serious economic recession.

However, under the Law of the Lord such an oversupply as this country now has would be taken care of through the operation of the Law of Sabbaths. In every seven days there was to be a *day of rest* from labor and in every seven years there was to be a *year of rest* from planting and reaping, during which year the surplus of the previous six years would be consumed by the people. Then, at the end of seven times seven years (49 years), the fiftieth year, which was the Jubilee, was observed, adding another year in which the people rested and production ceased. This was God's way of taking care of surplus production and at the same time providing periods of rest, pleasure and spiritual rejuvenation for His people.

It is the Lord who provides the bountiful harvest, but men, refusing to abide by the God-given Sabbatic law, find His liberality an expensive burden. What an ironical incongruity!

Because the nation has failed to put into operation this Divine law of cessation and rest, its citizens have had but a meager once-a-year vacation period, a paltry two weeks out of fifty-two in the year. Under the Law of the Lord ample provision has been made not only for the spiritual welfare of the people, and for periods of work, but for times of pleasure as well through vacation periods of sufficient duration to satisfy the personal desire for travel and to give time to hobbies and other worthwhile pursuits. All of this would contribute to a properly-balanced existence and would make life worth living for all those who conform with the requirements of the Divine law.

On the Brink

THE GENEVA CONFERENCE of the Big Four Foreign Ministers ended with a three-weeks recess, having accomplished exactly nothing insofar as reaching any agreements between the East and West over Berlin are concerned. After six weeks of attempts at negotiations, the Foreign Ministers were deadlocked and agreed on Friday, June 19, to recess their talks until Monday, July 13, 1959. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko kept the West waiting forty-eight hours for his answer to Western proposals, the reason for which became obvious on Friday when the session was concluded. The answer was to be made against the thundering backdrop of Premier Nikita Khrushchev's speech in Moscow in which he declared the Western proposals groundless and unacceptable. The West had offered concessions in return for a guarantee of unrestricted access to Berlin until Germany's reunification.

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As one futile meeting followed another, many of those present began to come to the realization that it would be impossible to arrive at any tangible agreement with the Soviets over Berlin, or in fact on any issue that Soviet Russia considers vital to her program. Perhaps the one thing accomplished — and this contrary to the desire of those who had hopefully looked to this Foreign Ministers' Conference for relief in East-West tensions — was the arrival at the conclusion, expressed by some of the delegates as the result of Soviet tactics, that we are now on "the brink." It was sincerely hoped, and so expressed, that we would not be shoved over "the brink" into a destructive atomic conflict.

As the result of the failure to reach any amicable agreements with the Kremlin, we are indeed drawing nearer to the day when the free nations will be compelled to resort to the force of arms to halt Soviet aggression. It is of more than passing interest to note that when we entered the final two-hour period of the Night of Alarm on June 2, 1959, the state of alarm which has characterized international relationships for the past three years was greatly intensified. If the Foreign Ministers do convene again on July 13, 1959, their frustrated deliberations will only add to the tensions already engendered unless the West surrenders to Soviet demands. That, under present conditions, would spell disaster for the free nations.

Dangerous Assumption

A PERUSAL of the history of the so-called "great" reveals that God moves to abase those who, in their arrogance, assume prerogatives which belong to no man. An outstanding illustration of this is Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, who boastfully proclaimed:

"Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" (Dan. 4: 30.)

As the King was speaking, judgment fell upon him from God and he became insane. He was driven from his throne and remained in a state of debasement until he came to understand that the Most High God rules in the Kingdom of men, giving authority and power to whomsoever He will.

Herod, who was responsible for slaying James, the brother of John, with the sword and who threw Peter into prison, later arrayed himself in his royal apparel and, when seated upon his throne, delivered a great oration. The people shouted in adoration, "It is the voice of a god, and not of a man" (Acts 12: 22). The account then states:

"And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory." (Acts 12: 23.)

Herod died as a result of his arrogance and boastfulness and because he accepted from the people adoration that belongs only to God.

Divine retribution has operated again and again against those who become arrogant and boastful. In modern times bombastic Benito Mussolini died at the

hands of an infuriated mob. Adolph Hitler, conceited and vainglorious, was destroyed in the overthrow of his government. Treacherous, unscrupulous Josef Stalin, who lived in mortal fear of death, was, from all available evidence, murdered by those who envied him. He who was responsible for the torture and violent death of millions was mourned by no one when violence ended his life.

In spite of the records of the past, men fail to learn that the Lord God overrules. Those who aspire to usurp His prerogatives are courting disaster. Moses reminded Israel:

"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face." (Deut. 7: 9-10.)

In response to a eulogy by Sundar Lal, Indian member of the Lenin Peace Prize Committee, Prime Minister Nikita S. Khrushchev described himself as a non-believer but declared that the Soviet Union combats religion only when it is used to do something detrimental to man. Of course, from the Communist point of view, the entire teachings of Jesus Christ are detrimental to man. There is no compatibility between the doctrines of Communism and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and the Christian's adherence to the precepts of the Law of the Lord. Therefore, according to Khrushchev's own statement, the only type of religion countenanced by the Soviets would be a belief subservient to Marxian doctrines. Christianity is not such a belief. Consequently the Soviet Union is in violent opposition to Jesus Christ and to those of his followers who adhere strictly to His teachings and keep His commandments, for the Communists themselves have declared on many occasions that they hate Christianity. After all, by what right may Khrushchev, or in fact any of the leaders of the Soviet Union, sit in judgment and decide whether or not the acceptance of Christianity is detrimental or beneficial to man?

Mr. Lal had made an earlier reference to the appearance of Jesus Christ on earth, stating that "a son of humanity will be born again on our planet to bring peace upon the earth." In the ceremony of eulogization, he described Mr. Khrushchev as a "son of peace" as he was awarded the Lenin prize. There is only one man who can lay claim to such a title and He is the Coming One who is the only true Prince of Peace.

Nikita Khrushchev, who aspires to world power, did not protest the eulogy by Sundar Lal when being awarded the Lenin prize. By so doing he but follows in the footsteps of his predecessors, many of whom died violent deaths because they did not give God the glory but permitted that to be directed toward themselves that belongs to Deity only. It will be interesting to watch the career of this man, for the Lord will deal with him as He dealt with others who ignored His existence and claimed for themselves the adoration and the honors which belong to no one but God Himself.

Disquieting

AN UNPROVOKED ASSAULT was made upon a U. S. Navy plane on June 16, 1959 off the coast of Korea but over international waters. The American flyers were unable to fire back because, it is reported, their forward guns were out of commission for lack of spare parts and also because a communications failure delayed until too late the order for firing the rear guns. All the plane could do was turn and run.

During the years of the so-called "cold war" the Communists have attacked 33 United States planes, leaving 112 Americans dead or missing. If this does not furnish evidence that World Communism considers the United States of America an enemy to be attacked with impunity, then what does the shooting down of our planes mean? Actually it is war.

Knowing that the Communists may at any time suddenly attack our planes or even launch an all-out war against us, why are our men sent on missions with defective equipment that makes them sitting ducks for Communist jet fighters? If a shooting war suddenly breaks in all its fury, would we be ready to meet it? Or does the above instance provide disquieting evidence of a state of unpreparedness for actual combat? This Navy plane might just as well have been an unarmed passenger transport plane as far as its ability to take effective action was concerned. However, it was not a civilian plane and it should have been well able to defend itself against the attacking Soviet plane.

The Congress is disturbed — and well they may be — if American personnel is to be called upon to fly missions in airplanes lacking essential equipment near the Iron Curtain where an enemy attack can be expected at any time. Is this indicative of similar conditions throughout all branches of our armed forces? It would require the failure of only one important link in the entire chain of defense to cancel out our ability to meet and destroy the foe when he decides to attack. In the light of all this there are compelling reasons why we should be disturbed over this incident because of its far-reaching implications.

Preparing to Devour

ESDRAS THE PROPHET describes Fascism, Nazism and Communism, using the symbology of the three heads of an evil eagle. As he watched the activities of these heads, he observed the sudden and painful disappearance of the head represented by Fascism. Afterward he beheld the head of Communism *devour* the head of Nazism and stated that the method used was by the sword.

In World War II the Communists were allowed to take Berlin and overcome Hitler by the power of the sword. But this was only the beginning. Now Soviet Russia is moving to use the sword of her armed forces to complete the devouring process. Upon his return from the Geneva Conference Secretary of State Herter

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Month By Month ·

by A. R. H.

THE RECENT visits of King Hussein of Jordan and the Shah of Persia, to London, has served to focus attention once more upon current and pending developments in the Mideast. Although, for a time, it seemed as if the tension of Soviet subversion tactics had been transferred from Tehran to Tibet, Moscow has continued to put propaganda pressure on Persia. As a recent Moscow Radio broadcast put it:

"The proposed Persian military treaty with the United States is plainly hostile to Russia. There are madmen in Persia who dare to threaten the Soviet Union with rockets which are not even their own, but American. The minds of certain Persian statesmen have become befogged, from afar, by the United States. Distances to the Soviet oil installations at Baku and the industrial centers in the Urals have been worked out with precision for the purpose of bombardment from rocket bases in Persia. Joining with America in her military adventures is bound to lead to a catastrophe. It seems that Persia is willing to help America in starting a new war in the Middle East."

The significance of the fact that Persia is mentioned specifically by Ezekiel in the prophecy describing the descent of the "hosts of Gog" on the Holy Land from "the land of the North" is fully appreciated by those who study the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy in the light of current events.

Threat From the North

It was interesting, therefore, to read in the *Daily Express* an account by Geoffrey Thursby of his personal interview with the Shah in Tehran. Thus he reports:

"The Shah of Persia received me in his marble palace and said, 'We are not afraid of the Russians and I shall certainly sign a military agreement with America. We know the Russians and want to be friendly, but we do not want to be run by them.'

"We might have been two men having a Sunday afternoon talk in an English country home, so quiet was the palace, surrounded by tall pines swaying gently in the breeze. But our conversation was of sterner things — OF THE RUSSIAN THREAT TO PERSIA FROM THE NORTH AND OF THE RED DRIVE FOR POWER IN NEIGHBORING IRAQ. For a brief moment he looked to me like a man trying to divine his destiny as he half-shrugged and said, 'Ten years is what is needed. Then you will see a change. I am confident of stability in Persia.'"

While the Kremlin continues to accuse Persia of "preparing to permit the use of her territory as a stronghold of foreign powers for an attack against the Soviet Union," declaring that this policy "moves Persia into the ranks of the enemies of the Soviet Union," the Kremlin skillfully sidesteps the fact that it is Soviet infiltration into Iraq and the Mideast which has precipitated the need for these countermeasures.

Meanwhile, in a leading article entitled: "Help for Persia," the *London Times* makes an attempt to mini-

mize the loss of Iraq as the keystone of the Baghdad Pact. Thus the Editor avers:

"The last ministerial meeting of the Baghdad Pact took place ten days after the Iraq *coup d'Etat*. The Pact had lost not only a member but also its headquarters and in a sense its name. Small wonder that there were some who questioned its chances of survival. Others, however, prophesied that the elimination of a nation, which, as the sole Arab country participating, was in many ways an uneasy and controversial member, would strengthen as much as weaken the pact. In the past six months it is the latter prophets who have been nearer the truth."

If this is to be accepted as being anything like an approximation of the truth, then it seems doubly incredible that so many millions should have been lavished on Habbaniya, which, next to the Suez Canal Zone, lost to the West as a result of the 1956 Suez *debacle*, represented the most powerful air base in the Mideast.

The Weakest Link

However, the Editor himself undermines the basis of his own argument when he concludes:

"Under the pact, the United States is obliged to consult only if a member is attacked. Turkey has separate agreements under NATO. The weakest link is Persia. The disappearance and reappearance, in a hostile camp of her western neighbor (Iraq), leaves that country much exposed."

It is an old saying, and a true one, that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and this analogy can be applied with equal validity to other structures. If the keystone of the northern tier defense system was swallowed up by the enemy in one night, what are the chances of survival for the weakest link? Poignancy is added to this prospect by the outburst of the Persian Foreign Minister, who, interviewed by a *Daily Telegraph* correspondent recently, declared:

"In military strength, Persia is like a sparrow in front of the Russian eagle. A defense agreement with the United States is desirable, for Persia would never commit suicide by remaining alone in front of this eagle."

Summing up the situation, an editorial in the *Daily Mail*, entitled "Red Light in Persia," comments significantly:

"An ominous report says that a Russian move against Persia is imminent. That could well be true. We may be approaching defeat of Western interests in the Middle East and the culmination of Russia's ambitions which have existed for a century and a half. Her last serious attempt on Persia was in 1946. Had that succeeded, Persia would have been as ripe for plucking as was Czechoslovakia in 1938. But Russia was warned off by Britain and America.

"Now she is returning to the attack again with much stronger cards. For today Iraq is in her grip, and poor weak Persia is ready for squeezing in the Soviet pincers. If Russia

succeeded, then the Middle East would be hers, the Persian Gulf virtually a Soviet lake and the oil supplies on which Britain depends would be in mortal danger. The Baghdad Pact was promoted to prevent this very thing which is now happening."

An Evil Game

Adept at the art of accusing other people of doing what they are doing, or intend to do, themselves, the Kremlin, in an official broadcast, issued the following sample of "righteous" indignation:

"The secret of Persia's evil game can easily be explained. The unfriendly behavior of the Shah's government springs from collusion with those circles of certain foreign powers which plan to use Persian soil as a springboard for aggression against the Soviet Union."

While these unhallowed words were still ringing in our ears, we had the astonishing experience of hearing Cairo Radio attack the Soviet Union with the challenging accusation:

"Just as it is trying to use Tibet as a spearhead aimed at Asia, so also Communism is trying to use Iraq as a bridgehead to the Arab world and Africa."

Just how chaotic the present complications have become is well indicated by *Daily Mail* reporter, Ralph Izzard, who, writing from Beirut, comments on the present dispute between Egypt's Nasser and Iraq's Kassem as follows:

"Just look at the inextricable tangle that the Tweedledum and Tweedledee of the Arab world have landed themselves in. If a battle came, then Nasser, alleged champion of anti-Communism, would be fighting with Russian weapons, whilst Kassem, alleged champion of Communists, would be fighting with British weapons. It is not even a clear-cut Communist versus anti-Communist issue. Who is talking about the Red peril? It was Nasser himself who, more than three years ago, first released the alien Red djinn out of the bottle in the Middle East."

The Wheel of History

It would be asking too much to expect the "man in the street" to be able to follow all the tortuous changes in Egyptian policy since Nasser came to power. The quixotic element in the latest campaign against "Communist imperialism" is the fact that, notwithstanding all the rage and fury heard about it, Soviet arms and Soviet technicians continue to pour into the country freely. Invited by Rawle Knox to clarify the present position, a responsible senior official of the United Arab Republic recently declared:

"For Cairo, there is only one form of Arab nationalism, that of the United Arab Republic. The U.A.R. wants no overt support from either Britain or the United States, but merely seeks a recognition that Iraq is suffering from a Communist take-over, as surely as Hungary and Tibet."

A clue to the solution of this enigma was revealed in a statement made by the Communist Secretary General in Baghdad, until recently Editor of the Communist organ, *Ittihad al Shaab*. In an interview with *Daily Telegraph* reporter, Douglas Brown, Comrade Zaki Khar frankly declared: "*Nasser is a temporary*

obstruction under the wheel of history who, in due time, will be dealt with by the peoples of Syria and Egypt."

Nasser as Saviour

Moreover, from Kuwait, Ian Colvin, *Daily Telegraph* correspondent, comments on the ironical fact that Britain can expect no thanks for either coming in or by staying out, in fulfillment of treaty obligations. As he puts it:

"When I asked Nasser's supporters here whether they would like Kuwait to be saved from the Red embrace by British military aid, they made wry faces. The angry young men receive with genuine dismay anonymous threatening letters from the Iraqi Communists. They feel themselves becoming the Mensheviks to Kassem's Bolsheviks. But it is an indelible article of faith with them that Britain too is an ogre and Nasser the one saviour."

"Since that 'saviour' can render no practical aid to Kuwait, it is understandable that the Sheikh Abdullah Mubrral, should have suppressed the Egyptian nationalist movement. What the alternative danger is from Iraqi subversion, the next few months will show."

Withdrawal of Power

The selfsame pattern of internal disintegration, which inevitably followed the withdrawal of British protective power from the countries of the Middle East, is now becoming increasingly evident in the small sovereign states bordering the North-West frontier of India. Indeed, what is happening today, if not checked in time, will open the way for the fulfillment of the dream of Lenin, who in 1917 uttered the fantastic dictum: "*The way to Paris lies through Peking and Calcutta.*" It needed foresight in those bygone days to see China and India as tools to be used in the destruction of Western civilization. But there is one factor which the would-be world conquerors always overlook, as it is written: "*Men may have many plans in mind but the Lord controls the result.*"

The mere fact that men may not believe in the Lord, or that there exists a Lord of the Universe reigning over the kingdom of men, does not in any way alter the actual facts of the case. The facts of the case are determined by the law of sowing and reaping, of cause and effect, and from the inexorable consequences of that cosmic law there is no escape.

Someone once said: "*The dogs bark but the Caravan moves on.*" Similarly, if men, individually or nationally, decline to live their lives in spiritual resonance with the Divine will, then it is men who find themselves cast aside by the wheel of history and the wheel of life. The Divine plan for the government of mankind moves on.

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WITNESSES AND THEIR TESTIMONY

By Howard B. Rand

A WITNESS is one who beholds or has personal knowledge of that to which he testifies. Therefore, he is able to certify to the accuracy of his testimony when it is placed in evidence. The Bible refers continually to the responsibility that rests upon those to whom God has given the task of affirming in His behalf the certainty of His plan for the redemption of His people and the salvation of mankind.

Seed of Abraham

When God called Abraham, He separated him from all the families of the earth in order that through him and his seed there might be established on earth an officially-constituted witness unto Him. Abraham, the friend of God, testified to the faithfulness of the Lord as a covenant-keeping God. In the deliverance of the seed of Abraham from Egyptian slavery, the power and might of Jehovah, the God of Israel, was made manifest. It was not only a witness to the nations of that generation, but down through the ages it has testified to the ability of God to deliver His people in a time of great trouble. When Israel was organized into a kingdom at Mount Sinai and received the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Law of the Lord, which they were to administer, the righteousness, justice and equity of the Divine law were thereafter revealed for all peoples to behold.

Servants and Witnesses

As the result of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, the House of Israel was redeemed from the curse of the law that condemned them. By that same sacrifice our Lord blotted out the handwriting of the bill of divorce written against Israel and His redeemed people became the ser-

vants of God and His witnesses, as stated by the prophet:

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, where there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God." (Isa. 43: 10-12.)

Not only did Israel, standing in the Kingdom for a witness to God that He is the one true and living God, bear this testimony, but the Church, standing within the same Kingdom, a Royal Priesthood, bore witness to the same God visualized in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The two together, united in their testimony, demonstrate beyond question that they are the Israel of God, His chosen servant, who in these latter days are to testify that the Lord He is God and Jesus Christ is His Son, whom He has sent (John 17: 3).

Witness to Deity

It is significant in this day of creeds and dogmas to note that both Israel and the Church are commissioned to bear witness to the God of all the earth; to state unequivocally that there is no God beside Him. In addition to Israel's witness to the deity of God as Jehovah, the Lord of Hosts, modern Israel, having been redeemed, now bears testimony to the deity of Jesus Christ. It is important to mark well that both Israel and the Church do not bear testimony in their witnessing to a doctrine, or a theology, or a creed. Rather, they testify to a *person*, to the deity of God and of His Son Jesus Christ through whom alone there is salvation.

Lightbearers

In giving instruction to His disciples, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5: 14). Because they were to become lightbearers — that is, witnesses for Him — they were told:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5: 16.)

When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection He told them, "Ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24: 48). At that time He gave them this commission:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16: 15-16.)

Hated of Men

Jesus did not deceive His disciples regarding the hardships they would encounter in their work of witnessing. He gave them to understand that their passage through life would not be any smoother than His own:

"The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" (Matt. 10: 24-25.)

In witnessing to the truth and certainty of the Gospel of the Kingdom, Jesus stated that it would arouse the animosity of many:

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." (Matt. 10: 22.)

In questioning the logic of Jesus' instructions, a skeptic poses the question:

"Your Christ says we are to love our enemies. Then we must, must we not,

make some enemies before we can love them?"

An atheist challenges:

"Your Bible has caused more disturbance and has been responsible for more bloodshed in the world than anything else."

There is truth in the contention of the skeptic, for Jesus declared:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household." (Matt. 10: 34-36.)

The clean man will always be an enemy to the unclean; that which is impure abhors purity. The man who stands for righteousness will always create, by his very righteousness, the enmity, yes, even the bitter hatred, of the unrighteous. He cannot help it, for evil men will intuitively turn against those who, by contrast, emphasize their own wickedness. From the worldly point of view, that which was said of the disciples may be said of the righteous when they come into the assembly of the wicked: "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17: 6).

If the disciples and apostles of our Lord had remained silent, refraining from bearing testimony, therefore preventing the knowledge of the ministry of Jesus, His death, resurrection and Saviourhood, from becoming known, there would have been nothing to disturb the revelry of the wicked. But the proclamation of the glad tidings of the Gospel sends out the light that will dispel the darkness of error and sin. Therefore, men who love darkness because they do not want their evil practices exposed hate that light. Jesus bore testimony to this fact:

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds

were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd." (John 3: 17-20.)

"Fifth-Amendment" Christians

A witness who refuses to testify becomes guilty in the sight of the Lord of condoning the evil against which he fails to protest. In fact, the Scriptures state that when anyone among the righteous fails to warn the wicked and the wicked dies in his sin, the witness comes under the condemnation of blood-guiltiness for having remained silent when he could have warned the sinful (Ez. 33: 8-9).

Many are familiar with the spectacle various men and women have made of themselves during recent years when appearing before Congressional investigating committees and asserting their right to invoke the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States when they monotonously intone: "I refuse to answer on the grounds that my answer may tend to incriminate me."

God constituted the people of Israel as His witnesses and He assigned an equal responsibility in this work to the members of His Church. Yet time after time the nation Israel refused to be obedient to the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord as a testimony to all nations of the righteousness of the Divine law. In this period of the Laodicean Church those who are members of churches often remain silent in regard to spiritual matters lest they incriminate themselves by becoming the object of ridicule if they speak out in defense of the truth. These are, as it were, Fifth-Amendment Christians.

Purging the Rebels

The time came when the people of the House of Israel decided they would no longer keep the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord and would instead conform with the practices of the nations around them. Through Ezekiel God challenged their deliberate decision to turn away from His laws:

"And that which cometh into your

mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the Lord." (Ez. 20: 32-38.)

Here, succinctly stated, is the whole course of God's dealings with a people who proposed to ignore their mission as a national witness for Him. First there would be the pressures exerted upon them to compel them to return to obedience to the terms of the covenant God made with them; then the assurance follows that God will purge out from among His people all who are in rebellion against Him. The day when these transgressors are to be removed is now drawing near. This is clearly indicated by the continual rumblings marking the approach of the events of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord.

Divine Repudiation

What of those persons who, having become Fifth-Amendment Christians, refuse to bear testimony to the coming of the light? If the chairman of Congressional investigating committees becomes angry with a reluctant witness who hides behind the Fifth Amendment and refuses to testify, what will the attitude of Jesus Christ be toward those who refuse to witness for Him? Let no Christian deceive himself. The very fact that an individual has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour in itself marks his enlistment in the Lord's service and the very least that is required of him is that he become

a faithful witness. There are many ways by which that witnessing can be done — through example, by deeds, by personal testimony or by supporting those who are his representatives in the proclamation of the Gospel.

But of those who are ashamed to bear testimony to His Saviourhood and the authenticity of all that is stated concerning Him in the Scriptures, Jesus said:

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8: 38.)

The obligation to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour before men and the consequences of refusing to do so are emphasized by the following judgment set forth by our Lord:

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 10: 32-33.)

On another occasion Jesus called upon those who follow Him to make sacrifices in His service. But this is not to be without a compensating reward in due time, for Paul alluded to a difference in the classification of Christians when he referred to those among the "children" who are "heirs of God" and those who are "joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8: 17).

Scattered Abroad

In order that both the nations of Israel and His Church might increase the scope and effectiveness of their witnessing, God has time after time permitted the dispersion of His people for one reason or another. Men tend to congregate into groups which become exclusive and cliquish. The Divine method, on the other hand, is to scatter abroad and He has moved to make it untenable for His followers to amalgamate to the degree that their message will become like the waters of a landlocked pond — stagnant from want of motion. There is a

very intriguing statement in the 24th Psalm:

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods." (Ps. 24: 1-2.)

Who among men would be so foolish as to build upon the sea, using this as a foundation for his structure? Certainly he would know better than to risk the consequences of establishing his construction upon a devastating flood as a foundation.

But what are the facts where the Divine purpose for man is concerned? Is it not true, as history clearly demonstrates, that cataclysmic circumstances have invariably contributed to the advancement of the purposes of God? The Deluge of Noah's day wiped out an evil civilization and at the same time brought in the righteousness of the rule of Noah. Tempest and violent storm wrecked the Tower of Babel and the confusion of tongues that followed scattered the people abroad. Persecution arose, driving the early Church from Jerusalem, with the result that its members went everywhere preaching the Word of God. The martyrdoms of the Middle Ages planted and nour-

ished the seeds of spiritual growth in His Church.

Thus that which has seemed to be catastrophic to those experiencing the difficulties of the time has always advanced the Divine purpose in the plan of God. God has relentlessly pursued the policy of scattering His people, continually moving them on, under pressure, so that they might not settle down, in order that the truth concerning Him would ultimately be preached throughout all the earth.

Reward of the Faithful

The process of scattering still continues, today compelling His witnesses to widen their field of activity as the alarm is sounded in this time of crisis. This is particularly essential now as the nations move on toward the day of judgment and individuals are brought nearer to the time of reckoning when all must give an account of themselves and their works before the Judge of all the earth.

When men speak of war, they have in mind only that of the sword and the clash of arms. However, a far more deadly conflict than any ever fought upon earthly fields of battle rages continually upon the spiritual plane as the defenders of righteousness and the opposing forces of evil contend for mastery. Actually it is useless to cry, "Peace, Peace," for there is no peace in the world today. For the duration of the struggle to press back the persistently encroaching darkness, there will be unceasing tribulation, strife and great upheavals.

Only when the Prince of Peace Himself comes will it be possible to proclaim peace to all the world. When Jesus Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, He will defeat the foes of righteousness in the Battle of That Great Day of God Almighty. Then He will sit upon the throne of His glory, rewarding those who have been faithful in their task of witnessing and bringing to judgment all those who have failed to live up to the responsibilities assigned to them. It will be a day of great rejoicing for those who, having been found faithful, will enter the restored Kingdom to take the place reserved for them and fully enjoy its blessings.

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ISAIAH SAW HEAVEN ON EARTH

By C. R. Dickey

COMPETENT Bible scholars agree that the vision recorded in Isaiah 2: 2-4 is a prophecy of Christ's Kingdom as it will function when He returns to reign at the end of the present age. The conditions described by Isaiah have never existed on the earth during the entire period of recorded history; but they do fit the pattern of life in the Kingdom Age as portrayed by the prophets, the apostles, and by Jesus Himself. This vision reads as follows:

"It shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house [His Kingdom on earth] shall be established in the top of the mountains [*i. e.*, in the chief Christian nations], and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

With this vision of a blessed future in mind, Isaiah exclaimed: "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." How we need to heed the prophet's words today and learn to walk in that same light! Note the magnificent confidence with which Isaiah speaks of the future. Commenting on the tremendous outreach of his vision, Dr. Joseph Parker said:

"Casting his eye over all the uproar and tumult of intervening time, he sees a heavenly repose settling on the engagements and destinies of mankind. Herein is the peculiar power of the old prophets, namely, that they did not confine their attention within a brief and inadequate period, but projected their minds over historic spaces within which,

so to speak, God had room to disclose somewhat of the proportions and significance of His plans. The whole year can never be judged from any one season. The prophets seemed to see things in their *wholeness*, and this made them calm in the midst of transitory confusion and distress." (*Homiletic Commentary*: Isaiah, p. 71.)

If Isaiah could see heaven on earth from the far away view of his day, how much more clearly we should see it now through the rapid fulfillment of events leading to the triumphant return and reign of Christ the King! There is a marked difference, however, between the views of the Bible prophets and the views of many religious leaders today; whereas the former saw Christ's coming Kingdom of Righteousness established in the earth, the latter see it functioning only in some celestial heaven far removed from the earthly scene. This discrepancy should challenge Christians to search the Scriptures and be guided by the hallowed and unchanging truths contained therein.

In Isaiah 7: 13-14, it is written that the prophet, speaking for the Lord to the House of David and King Ahaz, said:

"Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Brief reference is made to this declaration as a prologue to the great prophecy in the ninth chapter, verses 6-7:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to

order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

"The government shall be upon His shoulder" — that is, upon Christ the Son, the "child" of whom Isaiah prophesied. And where is this government to be established? Will it be on the earth, or in some undesignated and far away place in the heavens? The prophet could not have answered the question more plainly than when he says of Christ's government and peace that "there shall be no end, *upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.*" Now every one will surely admit that David's throne and kingdom were established on the earth, and there is nothing to indicate their removal from the earth when Jesus Christ comes to reign.

Despite these affirmations from one of the greatest of the prophets, many leading theologians during the past century have exercised more skepticism than faith in regard to Isaiah's words. Concerning the phrase, "upon the throne of David," theologian Barnes wrote:

"This promise was understood as referring to the Messiah. The primary idea is that He should be descended in the line of David, and accordingly the New Testament writers are often at pains to show that the Lord Jesus was of that family (Luke 2: 4). When it is said that He would sit upon the throne of David, it is not to be taken literally."

Why not? It is surely poor logic, indeed an unjustifiable liberty, to accept one part of a statement literally and then declare that another part of the same statement "is not to be taken literally."

Nevertheless, it is a sad fact that many "Doctors of Divinity" of the past and present have resorted to

such juggling of ideas in order to establish their own version of Christian theology. Humility, rather than pride in worldly wisdom, leads men to an understanding of the Bible. It is written in Jeremiah 9: 23-24:

"Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."

Isaiah's vision of heaven on earth is in perfect harmony with all revelation on the subject contained in the Scriptures. "For I know," declared the Patriarch Job, "that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19: 25). The Second Psalm is a preview of events which lead to Christ's reign; and note that their sequence may be fittingly applied to our own time. First we read the challenge of our angry enemies:

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Then comes the answer from God's throne in the heavens:

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

The Second Psalm is one of God's answers to Communism and all the evil devices of wicked men. There are many others. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Ps. 24). "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: *the world*

also shall be established that it shall not be moved" (Ps. 96). "The Lord reigneth; *let the earth rejoice*; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof" (Ps. 97). Why would the earth "rejoice" if the glory of Christ's reign is to be removed from it forever, as many have been led to believe?

Jeremiah, too, saw the glory of heaven on earth:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice *in the earth*. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." (Jer. 23: 5-6.)

Isaiah saw Jesus the Christ, first as an infant, born of a virgin; and then on David's throne as the supreme ruler of all the earth. When we turn to the New Testament we find complete verification of Isaiah's vision and prophecy. The connection between the statements in Isaiah 9: 6-7 and in Luke 1: 26-33 is of such extreme importance, both to Christian faith and to an understanding of world events, that one feels impelled to discuss these prophecies over and over, even at the risk of wearying those who are already familiar with the issues involved. So, for the benefit of those who do not know how to answer the critic's assumption that Isaiah's statement about Christ sitting on David's throne "is not to be taken literally," we quote once more the angel Gabriel's statement to Mary as recorded by Luke:

"Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt . . . bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Thus Gabriel verifies Isaiah's statement that Christ the Son is to receive the literal throne and kingdom of David when He comes to reign "over the house of Jacob for ever." It is this government which is to be established with judgment and justice, and of this kingdom

"there shall be no end." Jeremiah confirms these important truths in his 31st and 33rd chapters, which contain his great expositions on the covenants in their relation to the latter-day history of Christianized Israel.

Now what does Christ Himself have to say about the location of His Kingdom? A simple answer to this question is in the prayer He taught the disciples — so easy to see for the alert who have eyes, so hidden from the stupid and blind who see nothing.

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come — Thy will be done — *in earth* — as it is in heaven."

It is well to pause here and give sober thought to this question: If all the believers, either through death or translation, should depart from this earth to some far away heaven never to return, as the majority of Christians seem to believe, how, then, can the Lord's Kingdom ever come and His will be done *in earth* — as it is in the celestial heaven?

Matthew 25 contains some remarkable Kingdom Parables. The last one, beginning with verse 31, portrays the final judgment of the nations. It begins as follows:

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered *all nations*: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left."

The King's verdict will be rendered on the basis of compassion and faithful attention to the needs of *all* citizens in the nation — not merely to a few in positions of authority. Some nations will inherit the blessings of the kingdom; others will hear the fearful sentence, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." It is easy to see this alignment of nations now as their works identify them — the sheep nations on the right, the goat nations on the left.

A chief contributing factor to mounting danger and confusion is

the widespread ignorance of Christians themselves concerning these great truths which are vital to our very existence as free peoples. As a matter of fact, most Christians do not even know the difference between Christ's Church and His Kingdom. The church is not the kingdom, but it has duties to perform for the kingdom or nation. Christ's church consists of the entire body of believers who have confessed their faith in Him as Saviour. Jesus said of the believers, "Ye are my witnesses." Their first duty is to bear witness to His saving grace of personal salvation through faith; their second, and equally important duty, is to proclaim His coming as King to establish His Kingdom of Righteousness on the earth, according to the Scriptures. Let us be on guard against the danger of neglecting the first of these duties, and of completely misunderstanding the second.

Jerusalem is yet to be the seat of God's government on earth when it is cleansed and made ready for Christ the King. Undoubtedly the present usurpation of the Holy Land and City by Christ-hating impostors, who claim to represent all Israel, will soon come to an end.

God's holy places are the heritage of His *redeemed* house of Jacob-Israel — the people of His covenant who have confessed Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Saviour.

All Scripture corroborates the belief that Christ's kingdom of heaven *begins* on the earth. We do not mean to imply that His kingdom will always be confined within earthly limits; but we do say that it is clearly taught throughout the Bible that His glorious kingdom will be established *first* among the nations and peoples of the earth itself.

The "thousand years" period in Revelation 20, commonly called the millennium, seems to substantiate this fact, for the events of that era are described as taking place on the earth. Even at the end of it, John writes that "Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth." Then the prophet saw Gog and Magog gathered for the final conflict of the ages. Briefly he describes the finish:

"And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved

city; and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. . . ."

What the vast outreach of the Kingdom may be in future ages only the Lord Himself knows. With the annihilation of all evil from the universe, as revealed to the beloved John, there will be nothing to hinder the expansion of Christ's glorious Kingdom to the limitless realms of outer space. Paul seems to have glimpsed something of that kind when he speaks of being "caught up to the third heaven" — an experience he was not permitted to reveal.

In the meantime, let us prepare to enjoy heaven on earth, as viewed by Zechariah, when he saw the Lord standing on the mount of Olives, and exclaimed: "The Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one." And as Isaiah saw heaven in the desert that rejoices and blossoms as the rose. "The ransomed of the Lord shall return," he wrote, "and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

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declared that Russia really wants to pull West Berlin behind the Iron Curtain and extend the Red influence over all Germany.

Because Germany will not throw in her lot with the Soviets through free elections, Khrushchev is pressing the West through threats of military action to get out of West Berlin. If he is able to accomplish this, *then the process of devouring all of Germany will be accelerated.* Already East Germany and a part of Berlin have been devoured by the Communists. Whether or not all Germany will become a prey to the Soviets and be drawn behind the Iron Curtain remains for the Western allies to decide. That decision will be made as the result of the outcome of the Geneva Conference when the Foreign Ministers convene on July 13, 1959 following three weeks of recess.

Price of Folly

GREAT BRITAIN has signed a five-year trade agreement with Soviet Russia with the understanding that the agreement does not affect the embargo on strategic goods. As a matter of fact, practically everything that will be sold to Soviet Russia under this trade agreement will be strategic.

What is being entirely overlooked, not only by Great Britain but by the United States as well, is that

we are actually at war with Soviet Russia. It is true that the shooting phase is at the moment confined to a few incidents in which our planes are shot down and personnel killed. Nevertheless, it is war.

To engage in trade with Soviet Russia is quite definitely to trade with the enemy. All the Western powers are guilty in this respect. Unless we are greatly mistaken, Great Britain will find that her trade agreement with Soviet Russia will ultimately prove to be most unprofitable. Those responsible for negotiating it must evidently learn this lesson the hard way. But the desire for financial and economic gain overrules and one's better judgment where Communism is concerned is often suppressed for the sake of expediency. The price we shall have to pay for our folly later will be extremely high.

If the leaders of both the United States and Great Britain only understood the warnings of the prophets of the Lord, they would refuse to have any dealings whatsoever with the men in power in Soviet Russia, who are the enemies of God, of His Kingdom and of righteousness.

Chemical and Biological Warfare

WHILE THE PUBLIC has been fully briefed on nuclear warfare and its destructive results, little has been said
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WHEN RUSSIA SEES that there really is a point beyond which the West will not and cannot retreat, either Russia must herself concede or she must seriously consider using force on the European flank. Russia wants to gain her objective without a clash anywhere. What has yet to be proved is what she will do if she becomes convinced that nothing more can be had short of force. That point will be the critical one and those who pronounce upon Russian policy should bear it in mind. It is impossible to judge until we see the shape of that policy after the Kremlin becomes convinced that the West has said its last word. It looks as if, as a result of all the pressure for financial and other talks, this point must be reached within measurable time.

Russia can no more afford another long drift than can the West. Whatever may be said about nuclear tests, few statesmen would be ready to go on with them for another 10 or 15 years. In that lies one of the most critical factors. To abandon them without a settlement would involve a fresh build-up of conventional forces. To continue them for a long time without a break can be excluded as impossible. To surrender to Soviet demands can also be virtually excluded. To embark upon an immense conventional defense program would be awkward. Russia, on her part, cannot stand still for too long because China is moving along with great speed. All these factors combine to force the issue within a fairly short time.

Both sides have committed themselves to the idea that co-existence should be declared possible. But neither really believes it to be possible, since each is convinced that one or the other must prevail — which is not co-existence. The object of both sides is the eventual destruction of the other's philosophy and methods. The West does not believe that Communist dictatorship could or should continue for ever; the East does not believe that our economy and systems of government can or should continue.

Khrushchev believes in the necessity eventually to destroy the West by pressures. The West is convinced of the need for an eventual withering away of Communism. Each believes the other will tire and collapse short of war. In order to foster the decline of the other and defend itself, each is convinced that powerful physical forces must be kept at the ready, and the West in particular is deeply impressed by the numerical force of the East and is, therefore, afraid of depriving itself of nuclear weapons lest there should, one day, be no practical defense left at all. To negotiate successfully in such circumstances is difficult, to say the least, and now more so because the East is rather more

militant and more active than for some time, particularly in Central Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and the Caribbean.

Mr. Khrushchev shows no signs of quietening down and almost every new report tends to alert the West to increasing caution. Indeed, not since the seizure of Czechoslovakia has Russia been so active in an attempt to gain new satellites as she has been of late. Small wonder that the Western governments are deeply concerned and think that the easy solutions suggested by private persons are rather irresponsible.

It is important to remember that China does not want Russia to make terms with the Western powers. Indeed, the Peking government is doing all it can to prevent an understanding between East and West in Europe. China wants Russia to get into worse relationships with the West. Thus, she is playing a part hostile to the Geneva and Summit talks. The sudden increase of tension between Red China and Free China was laid on to disturb East-West negotiations.

Communist China really wants war. That would suit her best — or so thinks the Peking government which is not at all worried by nuclear weapons. Red China thinks war would weaken or very largely destroy everyone except China and that thus she would be the future leader. Mao Tse-tung has said that the loss of even 300 million Chinese would pay him if it meant the virtual destruction of Russia and the U. S., with Europe left in chaos. That is Mao's slant. Moreover, China thinks that even high tension is a paying proposition because it forces Russia into aiding China with military and technical know-how. Mao is deeply afraid of any East-West settlement because he thinks Russia — already afraid of China — would then slowly curtail her aid and be quite happy to leave China to develop as slowly as possible.

Mao believes that Chinese interests require East-West tension at least and actual war if possible. On the other hand, Mao does not want to be left fighting the U. S. in isolation and that is why, not sure of full Russian support, he has always, so far, pulled back from the brink. He wants Russia involved first, if possible. Russia, of course, would not be all that sorry to see China involved alone, provided that happened after and not before Russia had attained her objectives in the Middle East. However difficult the West may find Russia to be, and however hard it may be to make terms — indeed, however little Russia may intend to modify her aims — the whole business of East-West negotiations is made far harder by China's constant efforts to thwart an East-West compromise.

Nasser's anti-Communist outbursts seem to have

come to their end and his vituperation of Kassem has been very considerably toned down. The fact is that Nasser has been brought to heel by Moscow and is now again turning his propaganda against Israel and the West. As this Service has consistently reported, Nasser thought that he could act independently of Soviet policy and directives, once he had — with Soviet help — gained what he imagined was a strong position. In fact, he never had the remotest chance of successfully defying — let alone double-crossing — Moscow.

Kassem's position is also the subject of some misinterpretation. Without any open or official Communist representation in the government of Iraq, he is, in fact, already under Communist control. If, by refusing Communist participation in the government, he has made a genuine gesture of defiance, he will not last much longer. What is much more likely is one of two things: 1) That certain Communist Party elements have got temporarily out of hand and have made open demands without the authority of the behind-the-scenes directors of Communist policy, who have authorized Kassem to refuse the demands; and 2) That the whole thing has been deliberately arranged to camouflage some big move in another direction.

One of Kassem's chief uses to the Communists is that he still thinks in revolutionary terms rather than in terms of peaceful consolidation of the revolution. The whole atmosphere remains disturbed and tense — which suits Soviet policy admirably. The last thing the Soviet Union desires is for anyone in the Middle East to settle down in peace and quiet to ordinary pursuits.

Two reports which merit attention have recently been received in Vienna from neighboring Czechoslovakia. One shows the increasing part which Prague is to play in world Communist affairs and the second deals with military preparations.

Some time ago, it was planned to hold a meeting of Arab members of the World Federation of Trade Unions early in March in Prague. Suddenly, however, the plan was changed by higher authorities and at the last moment the meeting place was changed to Peking. This change was so unexpected that some delegations were already on the way to Prague when the new order came. According to information reaching your observer from Prague, this came about as the result of strong Chinese pressure on Moscow.

The Executive of the World Peace Council has again met in Prague. It was decided that in this context, as distinct from that of the W.F.T.U., the main effort of the "peace" campaign was to be centered on the Anglo-Saxon world — Great Britain and, to a certain extent, the U.S.A. — as well as on the northern European countries, especially Sweden. Every possible encouragement is to be given to spectacular "peace" demonstrations.

In the military field, Czechoslovakia enjoys a favored position among the satellites. There are fewer Russian units in Czechoslovakia than in most other east European countries and the Czech Army has received a great deal of modern Russian equipment. There are also more missile-launching ramps in Czechoslovakia than

elsewhere. Observers on the spot report an increasing number of heavily guarded areas. These are sealed off by the Army, although in some cases they are officially designated as parks or animal reserves, as well as areas for meteorological studies.

In Romania, as in Bulgaria, there is a new drive for the collectivization of agriculture. The impact of Moscow's pressure on these lines is somewhat more severe than in Bulgaria because, up to now, Romania has been less advanced in this direction and there is, therefore, more ground to cover.

In foreign policy, Romania follows the Moscow line, alternating between toughness and co-existence as directed. It is said in Bucharest that the real power behind foreign policy decisions is a young Russian Inspector of the Economic Police by the name of Zlatev. He is said to have been seconded to the Romanian Foreign Office by Soviet Major-General Nikolsky. Nikolsky is a Bessarabian who has made his career with the MVD and is now liaison man to the Romanian Ministry of the Interior, specifically in control of State security.

The Communist-sponsored World Youth Festival is to be held in Vienna between July 26 and August 4. Now that preparations are in full swing it is possible to get a reasonably clear picture of its aims and objects. This Festival is to be a Communist demonstration, similar to the Moscow Youth Festival of 1957. The main difference will be that this time it will be held under cover of Austrian neutrality and its sponsors hope that this will to some extent divert attention from its origins and purposes.

The pro-Western and reasonably authoritarian Pakistani regime of Mohammed Ayub Khan is now a little over six months old. The real backbone of the regime, however, is the Army. When independence was achieved, the Army was taken over as it was from British control.

Most competent observers take the view that the present government faces no serious danger from inside the country. Most of the population is strongly Islamic and there are few active Communists. The former regime gave in without putting up a fight and is therefore unlikely to provide a strong opposition. The outlook from outside, however, is somewhat different. Pakistan is allied with the Western powers but, due to its geographical position, it is exposed to strong pressures on several sides. On one side, there is the question of Pushtunistan which is constantly raised from Afghanistan with the encouragement of the Soviet Union. On another side there is the power of Red China exerting itself in Tibet. This, in turn, also threatens India and thus makes it less likely that India would be able to give effective support to Pakistan even if a situation arose in which the common interests of India and Pakistan superseded their differences.

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WHEN DEMOCRACY LIVES

MUCH is being written and said today about democracy and it is being offered around the world as a mecca among governments. But what is democracy? The term itself, probed to the original roots from which the English word is derived, embodies three significant factors: 1) *demos*, the people; 2) *kratein*, to rule; 3) *kratos*, authority. It is a form of government wherein the supreme power is retained by the people. It would be difficult to define the term from its present use for quite diversified forms of government are labeled democracies which are as far apart in their ideologies as north is from south. Russia, where the common people suffer oppression and hardship; China, under Communist war lords; Great Britain with its Queen and Parliament and the United States of America, which is a Republic, are all popularly called democracies. To state that they all endorse the same governing system is as baseless as would be the arbitrary declaration that all the colors of the spectrum are either red or green.

Russia is a bureaucracy under tyrannical leadership where the majority have no authority or power. A small minority rules in that nation, having seized their power by force, and they impose their will upon the majority, enforcing their prerogatives by acts of terror and methods which have brought the people of a great nation into slavery. This is not a democracy and, regardless of the label men have sought to apply to the Soviet regime, the majority there have no voice in the affairs of state. Russia, however, approves the use of the term democracy, at least in propaganda for American consumption, for the word lends itself well to the misuse to which it is put when she blandly advertises that all nations being drawn within the Soviet sphere of influence are permitted to become

full democracies — according to Russia's interpretation of the word.

Democratic ideas have at times manifested themselves in China but there also the war lords more often impose their will upon the people in spite of the desire of the majority and the results are far from democratic. Great Britain's political system is a mixture of monarchy and democracy tempered by the power of the Crown. The government of the United States, as originally instituted by our forefathers, is a Republic which is defined as a state in which the sovereign power resides in a certain body of the people, and is exercised by representatives elected by, and responsible to, them. Anyone taking exception to the statement that our nation was originally organized as a republic, and not a democracy, is either totally ignorant of American history or is endeavoring to capitalize upon the ignorance of the American public concerning the fundamental tenets of our American institutions in an endeavor to change our form of government that it may become a democracy.

Wherever democracy lives it enhances the position and power of those who are carrying on subversive activities. In fact, every Communist, Communist sympathizer, and all those who would use mob psychology for political and other purposes, become violently agitated and extremely angry when the irrefutable facts of American history are pointed out definitely proving that the government of this great nation was originally a republic.

A pure democracy is the rule of the majority of the people who are able to exert their influence through mass pressure which can be brought to bear at any time upon those who hold office. In fact democracy may readily degenerate to become the rule of the mob under the principle that what the people want they should have. The leaders of a de-

mocracy are politicians who continually listen to the clamor of the people and who, for the sake of holding office, do the bidding of the majority. A democracy will seldom, if ever, produce a statesman, men who, for the good of their country, are willing to stand by their convictions when principles affecting the future state of their nation are involved. Not so the politician who, through fear of alienating the vote of the majority, will sell his country's heritage for public acclaim.

Life in a democracy is often turbulent and violent; security, justice and the establishment of righteousness are always endangered when the mob, the majority, acts in the heat of passion. Because our forefathers recognized this fact, they set up a government that was not a democracy, but a republic,* a government of checks and balances to prevent direct action by the majority in national affairs in the inception of a crisis. Our forefathers knew that public opinion is often out of step with actual conditions until the leavening of time can bring to it a full understanding of all the facts. The Constitution of the United States provided for "cooling off" periods, for the people were helpless to act until set election dates and then only representatively through those whom they elected to office. This is a safety device in a republic against hasty and ill-conceived action which may be brought about by an appeal to the spirit of mob psychology on the part of irresponsible leaders.

Our nation was not established as a democracy in which the majority could exert direct pressure upon our leaders, but became a great republic with checks and balances to safeguard the interests of the nation against the clamor of demagogues. In this respect our form of govern-

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ment differed from every other form upon the earth. Under it our nation grew to greatness until, one hundred and sixty-nine years after the writing and adoption of our Constitution, we became not only a great people but a powerful and mighty nation, so recognized among the nations of the world.

During the lifetime of this present generation powerful moves have been made under misguided political leadership to make democracy live in our nation. Men without the foresight and wisdom of our forefathers, some of them self-appointed leaders, have undertaken to destroy our great Republic. Certain moves during the past two or three decades have materially contributed to this end. Major changes have been made in an endeavor to destroy the original checks and balances provided in our Constitution and put there to guard against both individual misuse of power on the one hand and mob rule on the other.

One of these major changes is in the election of senators. Originally our Constitution provided that senators should be elected by the State Legislatures while the members of the House of Representatives would be elected directly by the people. Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution reads:

"The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the legislature thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote."

While there were political abuses under this system, yet because Senators were not *directly* responsible to the people, they were able to act independently of the immediate clamor of the majority which would more directly affect the members of the House of Representatives. This placed the Senate in a position to balance hastily-devised legislation that might originate in the House as a result of public pressure. This unique position of the Senate gave birth to real statesmen and in a given period of time our nation produced more real statesmen than all the governments of Europe combined have produced from the inception of our form of government. But this has now been changed. An amendment was proposed by Congress May 15, 1912 and adopted

May 31, 1913 which read as follows:

"The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof for six years, and each Senator shall have one vote."

Since this amendment was adopted the mob, or majority, has been able to exert direct influence upon Senators and one of the major checks provided between the two branches of our legislative bodies to balance legislative enactment was destroyed. The overall result has become apparent, for while we have had keen and shrewd politicians holding office in the Senate we have not produced the type of statesmen who graced the Senate during the last century. Along with this change there have been many others. The Referendum and Recall has placed many office holders in the position of rubber stamping the immediate mob impulses, whether the majority were right or wrong. Direct election of judges by the people has brought the judiciary under majority control, giving the people the right to review court decisions and discharge the judge if his decision is not in accordance with the wishes of the mob.

All this has provided fertile soil for demagogues to influence the majority regardless of the right or wrong of the issues involved. The result is in evidence today through the influence of TV and radio commentators whose voices over the microphone are influencing millions in our nation. These are the original rabble rousers in this nation who, through this wonderful discovery of modern science, can overnight stir the mob spirit of the nation into action. What would have required days and weeks in the past, or even months, to acquaint the public with the issues involved can now be made fully known in an evening's broadcast. But unfortunately it is often the likes and dislikes of a single commentator being impressed upon the minds of the multitude without the cooling-off period so necessary to weighing evidence that men may more accurately render an equitable decision based upon all available and thoroughly known facts. One such commentator can stir unthinking millions and by a cleverly presented address make

his personal opinions become those of the mob and thus excite them to immediate action before the deliberation of time can allow wisdom to assert itself and bring understanding of major issues before this great nation. This constitutes a powerful means of direct pressure upon politicians who fear public opinion and the unscrupulous commentator is taking full advantage of it.

Now, of all critical periods in American history, the Senate of the United States needs to be free from undue pressure. Unfortunately today one rabble-rousing airways commentator has a far greater influence with the people than our representatives in Washington. These commentators are comparatively free from opposition due to the present rigid control over the airways and the inability of the average citizen or politician to compete with them because he is denied the use of the same channels through which they are able to reach the ears of millions. The result is that today this country is being unduly swayed by airways demagogues whose influence is far in excess of their actual wisdom and understanding of the importance of many of the issues they deal with. It is a situation fraught with peril for our future well-being and we will yet pay dearly for allowing the Republic to be undermined by those who would make democracy live that mobocracy may rule.

Let us turn back the pages of history to a chapter where, following the establishment of the most perfect government ever given to man, when the Law of the Lord became the Constitution of the Israel nation, the people lapsed into mob rule and democracy lived. God had given His people a representative form of government in which men were chosen for office because of their excellent spiritual character and judicial ability in handling the affairs of state. These men were not subject to referendum or recall but held office as long as they administered the laws of God with justice and equity.

When, following the giving of the law, Moses was absent upon Mount Sinai rabble rousers apparently became busy and the people demanded that Aaron make the golden calf. Thus under the rule of the major-

ity — democracy in operation — the people turned away from the perfect form of government. The demand of the majority overruled; they set aside the perfection of the Law of the Lord, clamored for the golden calf to worship and Aaron gave the people what they demanded.

It is not hard to imagine the convincing speeches of the leader, or leaders, who were the counterpart of our present rabble-rousing airways commentators, who stirred the people to action and into revolt against the established order, the law which they had just received at Mount Sinai, and against Moses, their leader, who was delayed in his return to camp. The mob spirit of Israel was aroused, democracy lived, and the people demanded:

"Make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot [know] not what is become of him." (Ex. 32: 1.)

Later Aaron acknowledged to Moses that the people were uncontrollable so he gave them what they wanted (Ex. 32: 21-22). Thus the first demonstration of democracy in operation in Israel was revolt against God.

Aaron, the politician, had given in to the demands of the majority, but Moses, the great statesman, withstood the people upon his return to camp, condemning them for their sins. He ordered those who were loyal to God to execute the leading offenders. Just as this first demonstration of democracy in oper-

ation came to judgment in the execution of thousands for their revolt against God, so is democracy doomed today. Where democracy lives evil flourishes and God has decreed the complete destruction of all forms of unrighteousness. History has amply demonstrated that wherever the spirit of democracy is supreme, there the people are in revolt against God and against His law. Democracy rests upon the principle that what the people desire they must have and, generally speaking, the desire of the mob is contrary to the laws of righteousness.

The French Revolution was democracy in full operation and the result was the dethronement of God and the enthronement of atheism. The same spirit of democracy in America today countenances the evils of the liquor traffic, the sale and increasing use of tobacco, the distribution of licentious books and literature and the glorification of these and many other evil practices through motion picture presentation of their supposed attractiveness. Democracy is mobocracy and the spirit of the mob today is in revolt against God and His laws. Just as Aaron gave the people what they demanded, so today the endeavor of every politician is to give to the people what they desire, whether it is for their good or not.

Never before in our history has the United States been so vulnerable to attack, and our original form of government so subject to possible destruction as it is today, from those

who are stirring up the spirit of the mob against our American institutions and against individuals in and out of office who stand for the principles of the Republic and who are in opposition to the evils of democracy. These unscrupulous men have been successful and will continue to be to the extent that they will bring judgment upon themselves and upon the democracy they are endeavoring to make live. It will live long enough to be brought before the bar of God's justice and there be condemned, just as Moses condemned democracy when Israel revolted against God's laws and His righteousness.

Democracy, the political expedient by which Satan has been able to lead people in revolt against God, will pass away, doomed to destruction because God's laws will become supreme in the interest of righteousness in administration, and not the voice and desire of the people when that desire is out of step with His laws.

The new and righteous order of blessedness that is to be ushered in, following the destruction of democracy, will not be mob rule, nor will it be autocracy, but it will be a theocratic state in which representative government will flourish. Neither the representatives nor the people, however, will have any voice whatever in making laws or in changing the precepts and commands of God. The officials will administer the law which Almighty God has already given as the Divine constitution of the perfect state.—H.B.R.

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about that phase of conflict which will be as deadly, if not more so, than an attack in which hydrogen bombs are used. We have reference to chemical or biological warfare.

General William Creasy, former head of the Army Chemical Corps, states that both the United States and Russia have "psychochemicals" that can be tailored to kill people *en masse*, or give them hallucinations, or simply make them very sick. The General states Soviet Russia has announced its intention to use chemical weapons in the next war.

If and when the nations resort to the use of such chemical or biological bombs, it is stated that they will cover areas fantastically greater than would be the case with atomic weapons. Cities could be completely immobilized without destroying a single building, or its industrial resources, thus enabling the enemy to take

over the assets and wealth of the country under attack.

When World War III breaks it will be not one iota less deadly than the portrayals of the prophets of the Lord have so clearly visualized. But for Divine intervention the human race cannot survive its full impact. The fact that God has promised to intervene offers hope for the future; otherwise the outlook would be dark indeed. Today those who do not have this hope of coming deliverance when contemplating the possible annihilation of the human race are in the category of those of whom the Lord was speaking when He said men's hearts would fail them for fear when reflecting upon the things coming upon the earth (Luke 21: 26). With the approach of the supreme crisis of the ages there is comfort for those who know assuredly that God's purpose will not be thwarted and that He will execute His promised intervention when He moves to destroy those who are bent upon destroying the earth.

PREMONITORY PATTERNS

By William O. Lay, Jr.

June 5, 1959

THAT GRIMMEST BUGBEAR of Western statesmen, Russian hegemony over the Middle East, inched ominously closer during the spring months of 1959, even though the Kremlin master-plotters soft-pedalled overt aggression while preparations for the Geneva conference of foreign ministers were under way. Behind the scenes, camouflaged by the war of words over Berlin and the German problem, staging for the next Soviet move in the Mideast proceeded apace.

The Russian leaders, convinced that in any show-down the West would cave in without fighting, were bending every effort to set up a summit conference at which Britain and America could be "slickered" into further fatal concessions. The dynamite inherent in any such situation is obvious. With the West fully aware that cession of the Mideast would cut its own throat, and Russia brashly confident the area will drop into its hands like a "ripe fruit," any slightest miscalculation could instantly trigger the long-foretold final struggle for world domination.

When the tempo of events is swift, the patterns of Divine time-measures set developments precisely within the over-all picture revealed by the Prophetic Word. In periods of less fast-paced activity, they often perform an additional service in foreshadowing the next phase of tribulation or pointing to the next theatre of action. By making use of them, the alert observer can intelligently anticipate global trends and is never in doubt as to what point in the Divine program has been reached.

With footholds in Syria and Egypt secure, and its take-over of Iraq all but complete, Russia fixed its sights on Iran. The *modus operandi* in this case appeared to be instigation of a Kurdish rebellion in Iran based on Iraq. Coordinated with such an operation, in all likelihood, would be a move by the Tudeh Party in Iran.

To casual readers the April 6 report that a Soviet ship with 855 fully-armed men of Kurdish origin had sailed through the Suez Canal would have seemed quite routine. It takes on portentous significance, however, once the date is found to fall precisely 12 x 1260 days solar after America's entry into World War I. An event marked by this major cycle of *tribulation* clearly prefigures a shaping phase of the continuing global judgment-climax.

Other time-factors further underscore the premonitory significance of the April 6 event. It came exactly 7 x 390 days (the *perfection of Israel's chastisement*) after October 15, 1951 when Egypt abrogated her Suez and Sudan treaties with Great Britain. Finally, April

6 fell on the lunar terminal of 7 x 270 days (birth travail perfected) after the United States tested a deliverable H-bomb on March 1, 1954 (Chart X).

In due time rumblings of unrest in the Kurdish areas of Iraq began to reach the outside world. The Middle East News Agency reported on May 3 that Kurdish rebel forces had scored victories over troops of Premier Abdel Karim Kassem in Iraq's northeastern district which has common borders with Iran and Turkey. Again the Biblical time-measure of *tribulation* spotlights the import of this development. It came 12 x 1260 days after the December 9, 1917 liberation of Jerusalem and 1260 days after the inaugural session of the Baghdad Pact Council convened on November 20, 1955.

The lunar terminal of this 12 x 1260 tribulation cycle marked September 25, 1958 when the withdrawal of American forces from Lebanon was set. Subsequent departure of these troops removed a stabilizing influence and opened the way for stepped-up Soviet penetration of the area (Chart XI).

Meanwhile, the Red tide of Communism washed almost to the shores of mainland United States. A Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent, Stuart Novins, reported the "inescapable fact" that Cuba under Fidel Castro is a dictatorship and rapidly becoming a Communist beachhead in the Caribbean.

New flare-ups were reported on May 4 in the Kurdish region of Iraq near the Turkish and Iranian borders. This came on the mean terminal of the 7 x 270 birth travail cycle whose lunar terminal (April 6) marked the passage of Russian Kurds through the Suez Canal (Chart X).

A solar interval of 420 days, extending forward from May 4, terminates on July 3, 1960, which will be 1335 days after the November 6, 1956 Anglo-French invasion of Egypt. The 420 time-measure, one-sixth of the 2520-day Biblical period of trial or probation, marks successive phases of judgment upon the human world order which is numerically symbolized by six, the number of imperfection and apostasy. The 1335 factor is a number of blessing upon Israel (Dan. 12: 12) and in consequence connotes judgment upon the non-Christian nations whose objective is to usurp Israel's heritage and block the establishment of God's earthly "Stone" Kingdom of which Israel forms the nucleus.

The newly-appointed Premier of Jordan, Hazza Majali, declared on May 10 that his country would avoid military pacts with both East and West. Threatened alike by Communist and Nassarite subversion, the little kingdom faced a precarious future. There was little likelihood that the Majali policy of neu-

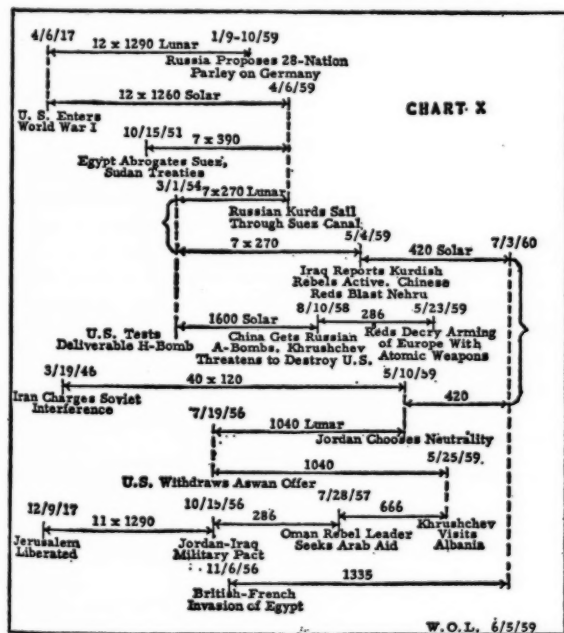
trality would restrain the predatory forces plotting to seize his country.

The Majali declaration came 1040 days lunar (fruition) after July 19, 1956 when the United States withdrew its offer to finance Egypt's Aswan Dam. May 10 also fell 40 x 120 days after March 19, 1946 when Iran charged the Soviet Union with interfering in its internal affairs and maintaining troops on its soil. Forty is the Biblical number of trial, while 120 is a period of warning. And a 420-day interval, extending forward from May 10, terminates on July 3, 1960, which will be 1335 days after Anglo-French forces landed in Egypt on November 6, 1956 (Chart X).

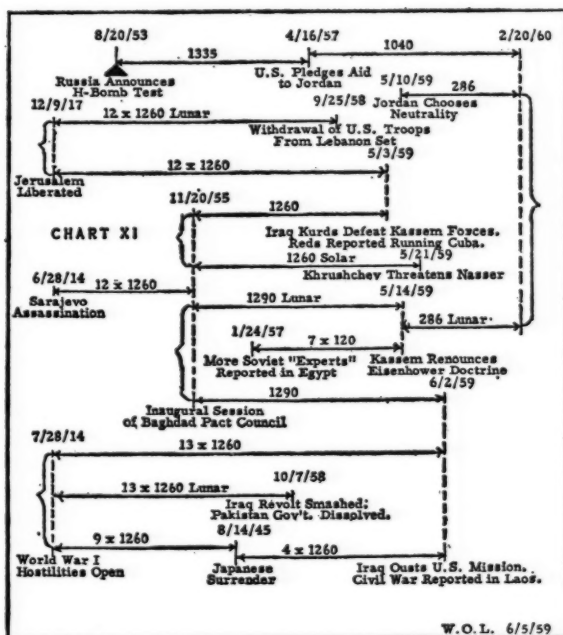
Note particularly (top of Chart XI) that exactly 286 days (displacement) separate Jordan's declaration of neutrality from February 20, 1960. This date will be 1040 days (fruition) after April 16, 1957 when the United States pledged military aid if Jordan were attacked.

Foreign Ministers of Russia and the Western Big Three opened a protracted series of discussions on Germany on May 11, exactly on the third day made perfect of 1290 days (desolation) after a similar conference opened on October 27, 1955. May 11 also fell 1260 plus two days (tribulation) after November 26, 1955 when Russia announced its "most powerful" H-bomb test. And an interval of 666 plus 420 days separates the Geneva Conference from May 20, 1956 when the United States air-dropped an H-bomb for the first time. The 666 time-factor bears intensively the significance of six. Connoting the "perfection of imperfection," it marks man's materialistic world order and stamps activities of enemies of His Kingdom.

Meanwhile, ominous news dispatches told of Russian troops in Tibet and at Herat, sixty miles inside the border of Afghanistan. And Britain, in a desperate attempt to keep the Baghdad regime of Premier Kassem out of the Communist orbit, announced that it would



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give planes and tanks to Iraq. A 420-day interval extends from these developments to July 4, 1960. This significant terminal will be both 1290 days (desolation) after Anglo-French forces left Suez on December 22, 1956 and 13 x 1290 days after Great Britain entered World War I. Finally, May 11 fell 666 days solar before March 17, 1961, which will be 1600 days (judgment) after the October 29, 1956 Jewish invasion of Egypt (Chart XII).

Despite Britain's efforts, Iraq settled more firmly into its pro-Soviet orbit on May 14 when Premier Kassem renounced the Eisenhower Doctrine and declared he would court the friendship of Communist countries. This was exactly 1290 days lunar (desolation) after the inaugural session of the Baghdad Pact Council on November 20, 1955 and 7 x 120 days (warning perfected) after January 24, 1957 when additional Soviet "experts" arrived in Egypt. And a lunar displacement interval (286 days), extending forward from May 14, terminates on February 20, 1960. This date will be 1040 days (fruition) after April 16, 1957 when the United States pledged aid to Jordan (Chart XI).

Plans for an Arab League summit conference to discuss the migration of Jews to Israel were disclosed on May 17. The date fell 1040 days lunar (fruition) after Nasser seized the Suez Canal. And a lunar measure of 420 days links May 17 to the important July 4, 1960 desolation terminal which falls 13 x 1290 days after Britain's entry into World War I (Chart XII).

In a broadcast interview on May 21, Premier Khrushchev threatened Nasser with dire consequences if Egypt broke with Russia. "If anyone is to lose from this, it will not be the Soviet Union," he asserted. The Khrushchev broadcast came one day after Cairo reported that a number of Egyptians had been indicted on charges of being Communists and conspiring to overthrow the Nasser government. In Geneva, meanwhile, secret talks failed to break the deadlock at the Foreign Ministers conference.

The events of June 2 help to illustrate the application of the number thirteen as a chronological factor. In *Number in Scripture*,* Dr. E. W. Bullinger states:

CHART XII

10/29/56 1600 3/17/61

Jews Invade Egypt

8/20/53 666 + 7 x 120 10/4/57 1260

Soviet Satellite Launched

1260 + 7 x 120 5/21/59

6/11/48 6 x 666

Palestine Truce

8/20/53 1290 + 390 3/27/58 420

Khrushchey Threatens Nasser. Big Four Secret Talks Fail.

420 Solar 5/27/59

Khrushchey Becomes Premier. Nasserites Warn Lebanese President.

11/26/55 7 x 120 Lunar 1260 + 2 5/11/59 666 Solar

Russia Announces "Most Powerful" H-Bomb Test 5/20/56 666 + 420

U.S. Test-Drops H-Bomb 10/27/55 1290 + 2 420 7/4/60

Foreign Ministers' Conference Opens

Geneva Conference Opens. Russian Troops Reported in Tibet, Afghanistan. British arm Iraq. 5/17/59 420

7/26/56 1040 Lunar

Arab Summit Parley Announced

7/28/14 12 x 1260 1040 6/1/59

World War I Hostilities Open

Nasser Seizes Suez Canal

Iraq Renounces U.S. Aid. Yemen Crown Prince Purges Opposition. 1040

8/29/57

U.S. Steps Up Aid to Jordan 12/22/56 1290

6/5/14 12 x 1290

Anglo-French Forces Leave Suez

13 x 1290

British Enter World War I

W.O.L. 6/3/59

It is still God's world, and Jerusalem the place He has chosen to establish as the seat of His earthly Kingdom. The heathen who flout God and the apostate Western nations which have presumptuously handed His Holy Land over to renegade Jews will alike learn how foolhardy it is to ignore the declared purposes of the Almighty Lord.

Credendum

AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. The ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel, or House of Israel, is distinct and separate from Jewry. In the Scriptures the terms "Israel," "Judah" and "Jew" are not synonymous and the course of history is widely divergent for the peoples properly classified under each of these titles.

The House of Israel is today an innumerable multitude apart from Jewry, a fact which the *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 recognized by its reference to the ten tribes as represented by peoples who are not Jews. There it is stated: "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim [another term designating the House of Israel]. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the Divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that the failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if the people of this race are the lineal descendants of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenants, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right in their

assumptions, there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they, too, have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in wholehearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this (Jer. 31: 35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

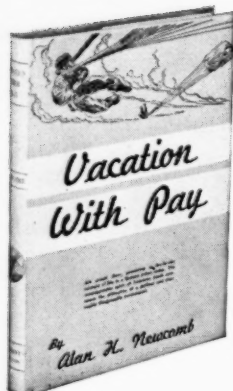
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